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MILL OF JUSTICE GRINDING VERY FINE

**Many True Bills Returned and
Quay County Has Her First
Conviction by Jury Trial.**

The Wheels of Justice have been grinding very fine since the convening of the District Court for Quay county on the 21st of October. Quay county has had her first jury conviction, and the grand jury has returned in the neighborhood of seventy true bills.

Thos. B. Hunt was the first to

and were given the minimum fine and costs by the Court, with the understanding that if the offense was repeated, in the next case the penalty would be much more severe. Several of these cases have been set for hearing.

Julia Salas plead guilty of larceny and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

Robert Bell, a boy about twenty-one years of age, plead guilty of obtaining money under false pretenses, and was sentenced to nine months of hard labor at Santa Fe. It was his first offense, and his youth, the story of a young wife who is here with him, and his penitent demeanor no doubt invoked the pity and leniency of the Court.

RUBY ESTES ACQUITTED

**After Deliberating Nearly Twenty Hours
the Jury on Wednesday, October 30th,
Brought in a Verdict of Not Guilty
in the Estes Murder Case.**

The case of the Territory vs. Ruby Estes, alias (Ruby Ross), came on to be heard in the District Court for Quay County on Saturday October 26th, and the selection of the jury was begun. Long before the selection of the jurors was com-

upon the credibility of the two witnesses. The story told by Marie Moore was far different from that told by the defendant.

Marie Moore testified in part substantially as follows:

Ruby Estes and the deceased were inmates on July 5th, 1906, of the Red Light Saloon and resort, of which Marie Moore is proprietress. That on the day of the killing Ruby and Blanche had appeared friendly and had been over to town together most of the day; that they returned together and appeared to be in a good humor, laughing and talking, duly sober; that they had had some words and difficulty over other girls being intimate with the defendant's hus-

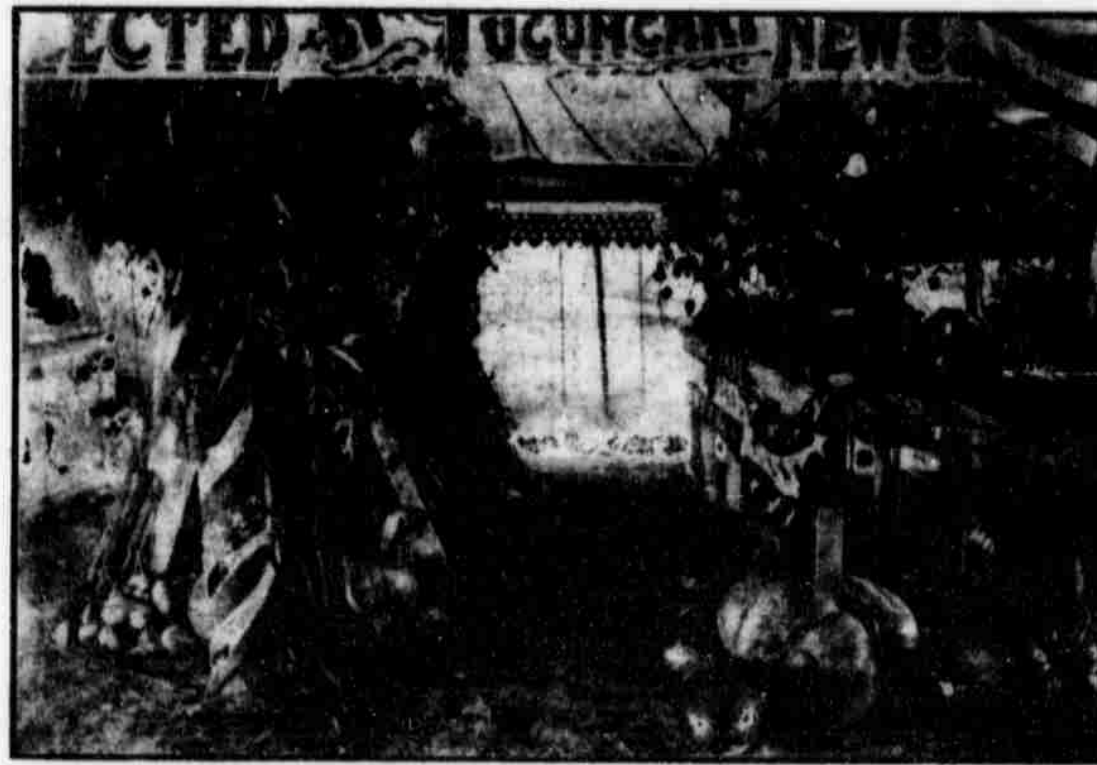
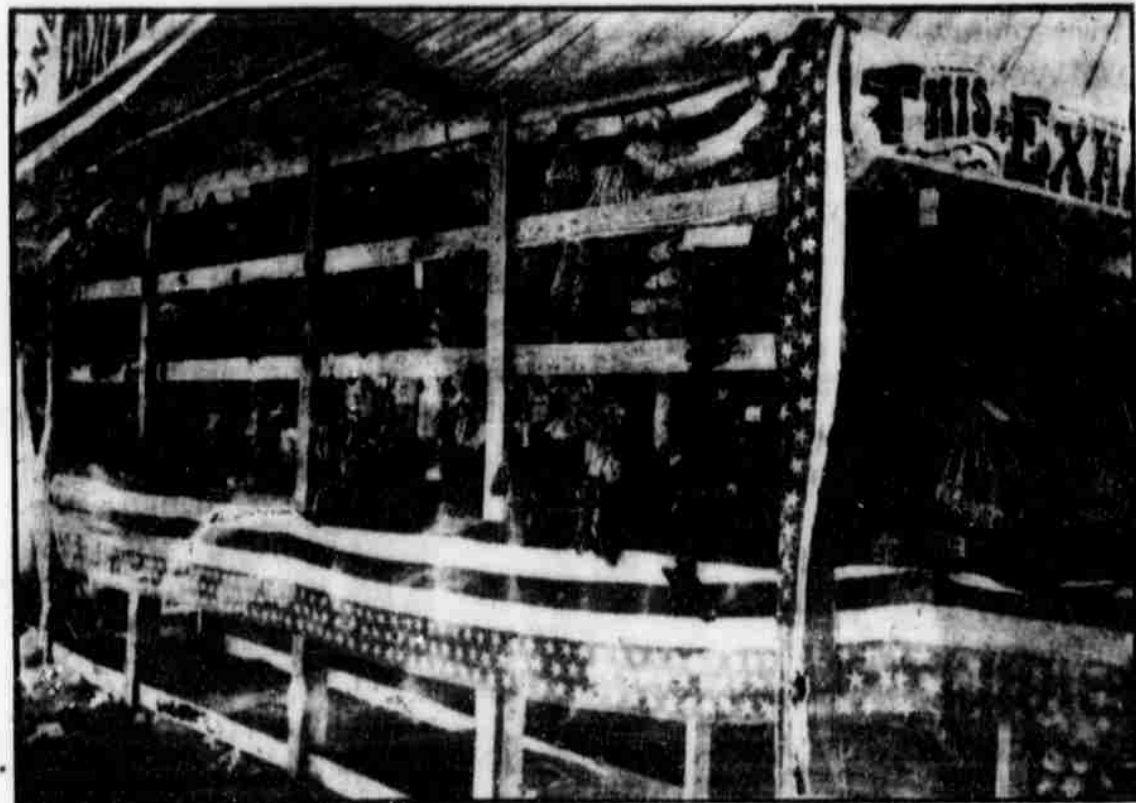


Exhibit collected by the Tucumcari News as shown at Quay County Fair

be tried at the present criminal term, and was found guilty, after a short deliberation of the jury, of burglariously breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony, the cold storage plant and warehouse of W. B. Jarrell on the 30th of September. He was "found with the goods," and the Territory had a clear case against him. He had partaken too freely of Jarrell's "Highlife," which he had appropriated from the warehouse and dedicated to his own use; the "Highlife" was too much for him! Next morning he was found in a state of intoxication with the empty bottles about him, the goods "in" and about him; as the District Attorney said in making his argument.

The jury recommended the leniency of the Court. Sentence has not been passed.

A large number of true bills were returned by the grand jury for breaking the Sunday Law, and for gambling without license. A number of those indicted plead guilty

Many cases are set for hearing, and this has been a very busy week in the Court.

The grand jury has been so diligent that it has kept Quay county's good citizen's wondering "Who'll be the Next?" The grand jury was discharged October 30th.

MEXICAN KILLED AT ROUND HOUSE

A Mexican named Rios, while working in a cinder pit at the round house Wednesday night, was caught between two cinder cars and almost instantly killed. He had just left the pit and was riding on a cinder car, and while passing some cars on the opposite track was jerked from his seat, pinning him between the cars and mashing his body almost into a jelly. The remains were brought to town by Marshal Cadger and placed in Koch's undertaking parlors to await the arrival of a brother from Alamogordo who came up Thursday and took charge of the body.

pleted the panel was exhausted, and a special venire had to be summoned. The trial of the cause was entered upon on Monday morning and the case went to the jury at 10:20 P. M., October 29th.

The appearances for the Territory were Messrs John A. Pace and Edward E. Wright, District Attorney, and for the defense, Messrs Chas. C. Davidson, J. E. Wharton and Judge E. V. Long.

Marie Moore, witness for the Territory, first took the stand and told the story of the tragedy which resulted in the death of Blanche Hudson, the indictment of Ruby Estes for murder.

She told her story without hesitation or confusion and met the severe cross examination and rapid fire of questioning of the defendant's counsel, Chas. C. Davidson, with alertness and self-possession. Marie Moore was the only eye witness who testified to the killing of Blanche Hudson, except the defendant, and the whole case rested

band, Joe Estes; that she later heard talking and quarreling between defendant and deceased, and went to the room of Blanche Hudson where the two were; that she sat down on a trunk near the door, and that Blanche Hudson took a seat beside her on the trunk; that Ruby Estes stood in the doorway, and that she, (Marie Moore) was between the defendant and the deceased; that when she went in the quarrel was continued; that she went in to pacify them; that she did not think it would be anything more than a hair pulling; that Ruby, with a jealous accusation against the deceased, which was the cause of the whole matter, reached across the witness, (Marie Moore), and began to strike at Blanche; that Blanche got upon her feet, and took hold of defendant with both hands, one hand at her throat, and one hand at her breast; that Blanche Hudson had no weapon, and made no assault

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